

REMARKS

[0001] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 21-31 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are none. Claim 20 is canceled herein. New claims added herein are 21-31.

Claim Additions

[0002] Applicant adds new claims 21-31 herein. These new claims are fully supported by Application and therefore do not constitute new matter.

[0003] New claims 21-31 are allowable over the cited references because the art of record fails to disclose, teach or suggest "determining whether the computer is not in a power-on state, wherein if the computer is not in the power-on state:

determining whether a time period between the predefined switch has been set to the second state exceeds a threshold for the computer remaining in a power-on state without key activity; and

determining whether a user of the speech interaction session application is logged-in;

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under §103

[0004] Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0234818. In light of the cancellation of this claim herein, Applicant submits that this rejection is moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

Conclusion

[0005] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call or email me at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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